

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment, reconsideration, and allowance are respectfully requested.

In preparation for appeal, Applicants have canceled claims 15-18, 24, and 25 to reduce the number of claims on appeal. In addition, claim 19 is amended to remove the word periodically. Because that amendment does not raise a new issue requiring further search for consideration, it is believed that the amendment should be entered for purposes of appeal. The prior art anticipation rejection of claims 17-28 will be addressed in the appeal papers which will be filed once an advisory action indicating that this amendment has been entered is received by the undersigned. A prompt notice of same respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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